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FOUR WOMEN STRIKERS

By M. QUAD

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After due mature deliberation Mrs. Henry Skaggs sent her son, Sammy, with three written notes to three wives in the neighborhood—Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. White and Mrs. Davis. They were asked to call at her house at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to help bring about a social revolution for the benefit of the female sex all over the world.

When the hour arrived the three women also arrived. They were very busy women, but anything that promised to benefit the sex aroused their sense of duty.

"What I have to say is this," began Mrs. Skaggs as she took the floor and cleared her voice. "The men are on a strike east, west, north and south. Some are striking for higher wages, but most of them want eight hours work a day. Their plan is that no man can work more than eight hours a day and do his best and great numbers of them are completely tired out when the eight hours have expired."

"Have they given a thought to the women and all this turmoil and confusion? Not a thought—not even one. We arise at 6 o'clock in the morning and are through with our housework about 10 in the evening. That makes fifteen hours work for us, and most of the time we are on our feet. Poor men! They don't work more than eight hours a day without being tired out, and he thinks we can work fifteen without having the least cause for complaint. So it has always been and always will be unless we go at it and raise a revolution."

"Let us raise one!" was shouted in chorus.

"That's what I wanted to see you about, and I'm so glad you agree with me. We shall raise a revolution. We will raise it right here and now! From this village it will spread all over the known world, and if our sex in Eskimo land as well as at home do not bless us they deserve to be slaves forever."

So thought Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. White, and the four women then and there entered into a conspiracy and perfected the details. Each one pledged herself to die rather than surrender, and each went home with a grin on her face.

What befell Mrs. Skaggs left the others. When her husband came home that evening she met him with a query.

"Henry, you are on a strike for eight hours a day?"

"Yes, dear," was the reply.

"Well, I want to say to you that, beginning Wednesday morning, I shall go on a strike myself. If you feel that you can't work more than eight hours a day I feel that I can't either. I work almost double that now and have worked so ever since we were married, and it's no wonder I look like an old woman at my age of thirty-eight. Have you any reasons to advance why I should not strike?"

"Not a single reason," he replied when she expected him to advance a dozen or more. "Your work is hard and long, and if you can manage to make it easier I shall do all I can to encourage you."

Mrs. Skaggs was much surprised and put out by the attitude of her husband, but she was grimly determined to carry out the conspiracy. When Wednesday morning came she said to her husband across the breakfast table.

"Henry, this is the day."

"Yes, this is the day," he quietly replied.

"But you will be home to lunch, as usual. But after that is cleared away the strike begins."

Soon after 2 o'clock and just as Mrs. Skaggs was getting interested in a book Mrs. Jinks, a colored woman of very ample proportions, entered the house. She was chasing the three Skaggs children before her, and as she took off her hat and made herself at home she said to their mother.

"Dose children need to have dat ears cuffed, an' I'll make a great improvement in less dan a week. Dose dadd needs sweepin', an' I'll tackle dat first."

"And who on earth are you?" demanded the surprised Mrs. Skaggs as she closed her book and stood up.

"Why, I's Mrs. Jinks, of co'se," was the reply.

"But I didn't send for you."

"Of co'se not, but your husband cums fur me an' said I was to be de second relief. I cums on at 2 o'clock an' leaves at 10. Dat makes my eight hours, an' durin' my time here don't you have too much to say about things. I knows all about runnin' a house an' don't need no bossin'."

"Now, then, Mrs. Jinks, or what ever your name is, you take yourself right out of here or I'll have a constable take you. You are not wanted here, and it's singular that my husband sent you."

"But you is all tired out wid your work an' am strikin' fur eight hours," was the reply.

"And I'll be strikin' you if you don't move on. When it is time to get supper for my husband I shall do so."

When Mr. Skaggs came home he found a better supper than usual prepared for him, and his wife had slipped up a little in matters of dress. All he said as he took his accustomed seat was:

"I see, dear, that you have won your strike, and I am glad of it."

Mrs. Skaggs looked at him indignantly and reproachfully and made no reply. She had gone back to fifteen hours a day.

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Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull pimply skin is an aftermath of winter inactivity. Flush your intestines with a mild laxative and clean out the accumulated wastes, easy to take, they do not gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eye. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills tonight and throw off the sluggish winter shell. At druggists, 25c.

—Adv. 2.

SIX SIDED SNOW CRYSTALS.

That is Nature's Law, but Why It Is So Science Cannot Explain.

Snow crystals obey an immutable law of six. They are six sided jewels or six pointed stars. They never answer to the law of four or five. Snow is crystallized water, and water always crystallizes in six sided forms. Why? No one ever will know. There is no more apparent reason for the sixness of crystallized water than there is for the monoclinic prisms of sugar crystals. Water and sugar and the complex minerals which make the granite rock all follow laws which are utterly unchangeable, but which are, as far as we can see, without any special reason. It is as profitable to speculate why the chlorophyll of vegetation is green and why the blood of animals is red.

The whiteness of the snow is understandable. It is due to the fusion of innumerable color scattering from the countless surfaces of minute crystals. Human science comprehends this. It also comprehends the fact that snow is a poor conductor of heat and thus prevents terrestrial radiation and keeps the earth and the things in the earth snug and warm under the white blanket which is softer and fluffier than lamb's wool or eiderdown. Science knows why snow is white and why it is beneficial, but it cannot explain the law of six.

It is well that snow cannot be altogether explained. It is one of the earth's most beautiful mysteries. It would lose something in beauty were it to lose all its mystery.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BANKS "LOAN" MONEY.

They Don't "Lend" It Because It Is a Business Transaction.

Why is it banking houses always "loan" their huge sums of money, never by any clause "lend" them? "Lend" is the true verb, while "loan" was exclusively the noun. How came it about that "to loan" has uniformly supplanted "to lend"?

The purists make a great fuss about this. They insist that the stupid and untaught financial world has foliated upon the language a substantivized verb when no new verb was needed, when the ancient and established usage was fixed in the signification of "to lend." But prior to the modern development of business enterprise when money was lent it was bestowed upon the borrower either for temporary use without compensation, as a mark of favor or patronage, or by the professional money lender who, taking advantage of persons in extremities of need, demanded usurious interest. This Anglo-Saxon verb today retains its ancient connotation. When it was coined the productive powers of money were unknown and the wealth of rich men was locked up for safety and kept out of the channels of commerce.

Nowadays, by devices of credit and rapid intercommunication, it is kept constantly working in productive enterprises. Immense loans are made, no longer to relieve the necessitous and the improvident, but to stimulate industry and to enable the borrower as well as the lender to reap a profit in his transactions. Money is "loaned" in this sense. It is not lent.—New York Times.

The People of India.

The population of India speak about 150 different languages and are divided up into forty-three distinct nationalities. There are 2378 main castes besides a large number of subcastes. There are 200,000,000 Hindus, 60,000,000 Mohammedans, while among the Hindus there are 50,000,000 of degraded people of no caste, whose touch or even shadow is supposed to cause pollution.

Limited in number, but mighty in influence, are the Parsees, who hold the wealth of Bombay in the hollow of their hands and dwell in the loveliest mansions around the coast. They conform to European customs and live as much like Europeans as is possible for a colored race. Yet these people still worship the sun.

The Seychelles Islands.

The Seychelles Islands form an archipelago of 14 islands and are situated about 1,400 miles east of Aden and 1,000 miles from Zanzibar. They rise steeply out of the sea, culminating in the island of Mahe, which is about 3,000 feet above the level of the ocean and is nearly the center of the group. All the islands are of coral growth. The houses are built of a species of massive coral hewn into square blocks which glisten like white marble.

Trying to Oblige.

"What's your name, my poor man?" asked the kind hearted woman.

"Lady," replied Pleading Pete unhesitatingly, "my name is 'Lord Reginald Courtenay Thorpe.'"

"Are you sure that's your real name?"

"No, I jes' thought it 'od be a nice name fur you to use if you wanted to put de fact dat you had given me a sandwich an' a cup o' tea in de society news."—Washington Star.

There Are Others.

"It is very strange that no one has ever been able to find Captain Kidd's treasure."

"There is a period in a woman's life when she thinks of nothing but dress."

"What period is that?"

"From the cradle to the grave."—Puck.

Beauty is the first present nature gives to women and the first it takes away.—Mere.

A Monkey and a Knot.

The monkey's intelligence has never been able to arrive at a point which enables that animal to achieve the untangling of a knot. You may tie a monkey with a cord fastened with the simplest form of common knot, and unless the beast can break the string or gnaw it in two he will never get loose. To untie the knot requires observation and reasoning power, and, though a monkey may possess both, he has neither in a sufficient degree to enable him to overcome the difficulty.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

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